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1. On 18 January 1951, between 11 and 11:15 a.m., six jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked in the northeastern corner of the Pinow (J 53/V 08) airfield. The weather was hazy and the visibility about 500 meters.

(2) The rod did not have a wire leading to the fuselage. There was no antenna rod close to the cockpit. The other five planes It could not be determined whether they had rods. All of the six aircraft had the air intake and air exhaust apertures covered with red caps.

2. Two single-engine aircraft which could not be identified were parked in about the middle of the field. Three trucks were parked south of the runway. A minimum of 15 other aircraft were standing on the northern edge of the field. There was no flying.
3. One small and one larger wooden hut were on the field about 1,100 meters south of the city limits of Pinow, near kilometer marker 1.1, and about 30 meters west of the Pinow-Biesenthal (J 53/V 97) road. In front of the huts was a device, covered with tarpaulins and guarded by a soldier wearing blue service color. The device did not appear to be a searchlight, but looked more like a covered siren.
4. A radio beacon with a radio mast, about 8 meters high, was set up between the forest sub-areas (Jagen) 218 and 216, between kilometer markers 0.8 and 1.1. Another radio beacon was in the forest sub-areas (Jagen) 174, near Spechthausen (J 53/V 08), on the western edge of a small meadow in a woods. The area was surrounded by a wooden fence. Close to the mast which was about 10 to 12 meters high was a shed which was open to the south and occupied by a motor vehicle. The mast was braced at the top and the middle. At three points in the area there were bright lights, fitted on wooden poles which were about 6 meters high. No soldiers were seen. (3)

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5. About 20 soldiers wearing blue epaulets and armed with submachine guns conducted field training under the command of an officer in front of the guardhouse on the southern edge of the airfield. The officer wore red-bordered black epaulets. Passenger car and trucks entered and left the field. 25X1
6. On 26 January between 1:30 and 2:15 p.m., five jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. The noses and cockpits of the other three aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. 25X1
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A wire was seen leading from the rod to the fuselage. The other planes were not equipped with such a rod or an antenna at the side or behind the cockpit.
7. Twelve jet fighters with swept-back wings, covered with tarpaulins were parked in front of the hangars. The visibility was clear. No other aircraft were seen. The hangars were closed. There was no flying.
8. Two snow plows, each about 3 to 4 meters wide and towed by a small caterpillar tractor, removed the snow from the runway. The snow was 3 cm deep.
9. Approximately 200 officers and 1,000 to 1,200 TM were quartered in the entire area west of Liesenthalerstrasse, and about 300 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, but without aviation badges, were quartered in the temporary buildings east of Liesenthalerstrasse. The eastern section had a larger billeting capacity. The camp east of the cemetery was occupied by about 300 men.
10. Trucks entered and left the field. The wooden house in the northeastern corner of the field had a radiate antenna, about 5 meters high, on top. 25X1
11. On 22 January between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., six jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked in the northeastern corner of the airfield. The planes which were not covered with tarpaulins (1) had a rod antenna, about 30 cm long, was fitted behind the right side of the pilot's cabin. A rod, about 20 cm high, This rod was seen on all six planes. Two biplanes, five single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, and nineteen jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked on the northern edge of the field. The jet planes were covered with tarpaulins. 25X1
12. There was no flying on 22 January. The sky was partly cloudy, with a cloud base of about 900 meters and good visibility. A rod antenna of 3 meters was seen on radio truck B 7-85-21. Trucks were seen in Pinow. A temporary building which was erected recently in the northeastern corner of the field had a rod antenna, about 3 meters high, on top. 25X1
13. The radio installation with four masts was still about 250 meters east of the field. (4) A temporary building, about 12x6x4 meters, was between the waterfall and Spechthausen. There was a rod antenna 6 meters high on the roof of the building. Both radar sets, one in the camp north of the Pinow-Pinowfurt (N 53/2 98) railroad line and the other northeast of the former brass works were unchanged. (5)

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The radio installation, previously seen at the western fence of the former Finowfurth estate, was not re-erected. Three soldiers were seen near the farmhouse.

14. On 23 January between 2 and 2:30 p.m., no aircraft could be seen on the field because of heavy fog. Truck [] occupied by 12 men wearing flying suits, left the field. 25X1
15. On 26 January between 9:15 and 10 a.m., six jet fighters were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. [] which were not covered with tarpaulins. An iron ladder, about 1.8 meters high, was leaned against each plane. Two biplanes and 20 aircraft which were covered with tarpaulins were parked in front of the destroyed buildings on the northern edge of the field. The 20 planes seemed to be jet fighters with swept-back wings. 25X1
16. On 26 January there was no flying. The sky was cloudy with a cloud base of about 700 meters. The snow on the field was not being removed nor rolled. Trucks [] were seen in Finow. 25X1

[] Comments.

- (1) The information confirms that the Finow airfield is still occupied by Mig-15 jet fighters. [] confirm the presence of two different units. Two fighter regiments are still believed to be stationed in Finow. 25X1
- (2) The rod on the nose of plane [] confirmed by a photograph previously produced. [] The purpose of this rod has not been determined, but it is presumably used as an auxiliary sighting mechanism. 25X1
- (3) The two radio installations were previously reported [] They are probably landing beacons, according to their locations and distances from the beginning of the runway. 25X1
- (4) This radio installation is an adcock DF or an approach beam. It was previously reported. []
- (5) The two radar sets probably belong to the fighter division headquarters stationed in Finow. 25X1

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